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SUB-SOURCE : Baron Gabriel Apor, former Minister  
of Hungary to the Holy See

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FROM : ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Crabbe

SUBJECT : Vatican policy toward Russia

REFERENCE : Report concerning Baron Apor's  
adherence to Debrecen Government

In my conversation with Baron Apor he told me that the Vatican is no longer well disposed toward him since it became known that he sent a letter to the Debrecen Government offering his loyalty. It is Baron Apor's opinion that the Vatican is waiting for an Anglo-American-Russian tension. He said that he understood from Cardinal Tisserant, who is in charge of Oriental affairs in the Vatican, that there is no possibility of Russia's making any steps toward a reconciliation with the Vatican. From the Russian point of view, an official statement is not in the interests of the Soviet Union. Russia has no need of the Vatican's support because she will have the support of the local Catholics in occupied countries.

Baron Apor told me also that, according to his information from Polish, French, and Vatican circles, a so-called "Black-Red coalition" is in preparation in Germany which will be a union of progressive and leftist Catholic and Protestant groups with the Communists. This coalition should collaborate willingly with Russia. The Vatican's fear of this coalition is another strong explanation for the anti-Soviet policy of the Holy See.

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